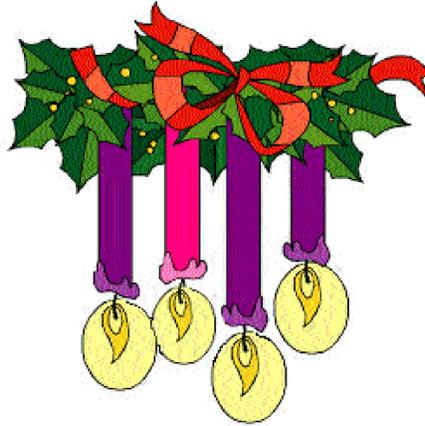


“There is no time to lose: We received the earth as a garden-home; let us not pass it on future generations as a wilderness”
Laudato Si, On The Care of Our Common Home 160

“There is in the industrial process, no poetry, no elevation or fulfillment of mind and emotion comparable to that experience of the magnificence of the sea, the mountains, the sky, the stars at night, the flowers blooming in the meadows, the flight and song of the birds. As the natural world diminishes in its splendour, so human life diminishes in its fulfillment of both physical and spiritual aspects of our being.” (Thomas Berry)



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Where do we start?

We can start by taking time to visualize clearly:

- ◆ What we want to create?
- ◆ What we envisage as possible
- ◆ We then join with people of similar mind set.

That will help us avoid being overwhelmed, move forward in a positive, active way using information to propel us, using the solutions at our disposal and urging our leaders to act without delay.

We have the knowledge and technology to reduce our impact on the climate and ease the pressures on the world's most vulnerable places, people and wildlife.

We need to act now.

“ The planet desperately needs more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers and lovers of all kinds”
Dalai Lama

RESOURCES

Sustainable Development Goals

www.sustainabledevelopment.un.org/

Lambeth Declaration

www.lawandreligionuk.com

Islamic Declaration on Climate Change

<http://www.ifees.org.uk>

Pope Francis 'Laudato Si'

www.laudatosi.com

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CLIMATE CHANGE - THE CHALLENGE OF OUR TIMES

The Challenge

How do we provide energy for all on our globe, minimise destructive climate change and make polluting and emissions laden fossil fuels obsolete?

An urgent and drastic cut in greenhouse gas emissions is achievable.

Phasing out the use of fossil fuels and moving to renewable energy will have a profound effect.

Recently, Scottish Power moved to 100% Wind Power.

On 24 October 2018, Bord na Mona in Ireland closed 17 of its 62 active peat bogs with the remaining 45 destined to stop harvesting by 2025.



" Its' worst impact will probably be felt by developing countries in coming decades'

Laudato Si 25

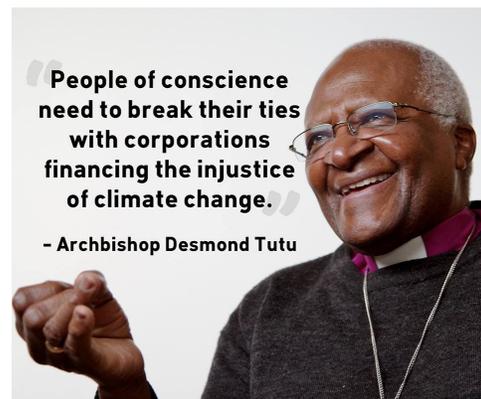
What We Need To Do

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Sustainable Development Goal #7

As a result of the Paris Agreement, 195 countries, including China and the USA, two of the world's largest emitters, signed a global climate agreement. The Governments of these countries committed to limiting their country's gas emissions. Their target was to keep global temperature increase, below 2°C, with an aim of gradually achieving 1.5°C

To enable access to affordable and sustainable energy by 2030 means all countries at national, local and domestic levels need to take these targets seriously. From now on countries must invest in renewable and clean energy sources, e.g., solar, wind and wave.



Advocacy Can Bring Change

After concerted campaigning Ireland in July 2018 passed the Fossil Fuel Divestment Bill. "The passing of the Fossil Fuel Divestment Bill this afternoon has made history. Ireland is the first country in the world to commit to withdrawing public money invested in fossil fuels"

Trocaire

The challenge in making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) a reality calls for a 'transformative change' - a movement away from our present economic policies from development without consideration of planetary boundaries and the oppressive co-existence of greed and poverty, to 'genuine progress, gross national happiness, human development, life satisfaction, Mother Earth's Rights, personal and planetary well-being...'

Dr Rick Clugston: 'Religion and the Sustainable Development Goals'

Everyone's talents, resources and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's Creation'